DOTS Centres for TB Prevention

†2665. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that programme of DOTS centres are being run throughout the country for prevention of T.B. effectively;

(b) if so, whether the whole country has been covered under the said programme;

(c) if not, the names of States alongwith their districts which are still to be covered under the said programme; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to cover the districts which are yet to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP), widely known as DOTS, which is a WHO recommended strategy, with the objective of achieving cure rate of 85% of new sputum positive cases and to detect at least 70% of such cases, is being implemented in the country since year 1997 in a phased manner.

Presently, 1067 million population (96%) of the country has been covered under the DOTS strategy. Only 4 districts of Uttar Pradesh and 18 districts of Bihar, details of which are given below are yet to be covered under the revised strategy.

(i) Uttar Pradesh: Sant Kabir Nagar, Shravasthi, Chitrakoot, Kaushambi.

(ii) Bihar Gopalganj, Kaimur, Lakhisarai, Madhubani, Sheikhpura, Banka, Jamui, Khagaria, Kishanganj, Madhepura, Paschim Champaran, Rohtas, Saharsa, Saran, Sheohar, Sitamarhi, Siwan and Supaul.

These districts are undergoing preparatory activities and the progress in this regard is being monitored regularly. It is expected that these districts would also be covered under DOTS strategy shortly.

Raw Material for bird flu medicine from China

2666. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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